

STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF SARATOGA  
SARATOGA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

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**In re: SARS-CoV-2 virus (COVID-19)**

STANDING COMMISSIONER'S QUARANTINE  
ORDER FOR PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN IN  
CLOSE CONTACT WITH A CONFIRMED CASE  
OF COVID-19

Pursuant to Public Health Law Section 2100

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**WHEREAS**, SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) has been declared a communicable disease by the New York State Health Commissioner pursuant to §2.1(a) of the New York State Sanitary Code [10 NYCRR Chapter 1], and a reportable condition to Saratoga County Public Health Services (the "Department") pursuant to §2101 of the New York State Public Health Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has issued containment guidance which recommends the quarantine of individuals who meet criteria as having been in close contact with an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2, which is located online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>.

**WHEREAS**, such containment guidance further directs local health departments to consider other factors such as proximity of contact and duration of exposure when deciding whether an exposure resulted in a close contact and therefore warrants mandatory quarantine; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has received a report, pursuant to §2.10 of the State Sanitary Code and to §2101 of the New York State Public Health Law, that you have come in close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to §2100 and §2120 of the New York State Public Health Law and §2.6 of the State Sanitary Code, the Department is authorized to take such steps as may be necessary to mitigate morbidity and mortality and to prevent transmission of disease to other persons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department has determined that, in order to mitigate morbidity and mortality from COVID-19 that you must be confined to your home under such conditions as will prevent transmission of COVID-19 to others;

*NOW THEREFORE*, by the virtue of the authority conferred to me by Public Health Law Article 21, as Commissioner of Saratoga County Public Health Services, it is hereby:

**ORDERED** that you remain within the premises of your home and follow CDC's precautions and directions, which are located at [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#anchor\\_1633109360882](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#anchor_1633109360882). You may not leave these premises for any reason, including to go to work, or to attend school, unless specifically authorized by Public Health Services; and it is further

**ORDERED** that you may not have direct personal contact with other persons who do not reside in your home except as authorized by the Saratoga County Public Health Services Department; and it is further

**ORDERED** that you shall cooperate with the Saratoga County Public Health Services Department's efforts to monitor your compliance with this Order and CDC's precautions and directions.

This Order shall remain in effect until one of the following conditions are met:

1. You have quarantined for ten (10) days following the last day of exposure to the COVID-19 positive case and have remained asymptomatic during the quarantine period;

OR

2. You have quarantined for at least seven (7) days following the last day of exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case and had a negative COVID-19 diagnostic test collected no sooner than 5 days following the last day of exposure and have remained asymptomatic during the quarantine period.

Detailed information about this option to reduce quarantine is located at <https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/wp/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Reduced-Quarantine-Protocol-Symptom-Monitoring-and-Diagnostic-Testing-10082021-FINAL-1.pdf>

Exemptions to the quarantine include:

1. A close contact who is and remains asymptomatic and meets CDC criteria for being fully vaccinated, which is located online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html#vaccinated>.

OR

2. A close contact who is and remains asymptomatic and who, within the previous 90 days, was diagnosed with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 and has since recovered.


This Order is the final administrative determination of the County of Saratoga in this matter. You may challenge the final determination by commencing a proceeding in the New York State Supreme Court pursuant to Article 78 of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules.

**WARNING**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THIS ORDER MAY SUBJECT YOU TO FURTHER ACTION BY THE COMMISSIONER, INCLUDING INVOLUNTARY DETENTION IN AN APPROPRIATE FACILITY OR SUCH OTHER ACTION AS THE COMMISSIONER MAY DEEM NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF OTHERS. WILLFUL VIOLATION OF OR REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH A HEALTH ORDER IS A MISDEMEANOR UNDER NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 12-B.**

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED**, that this Standing Order shall remain in effect until revoked.

Dated: November 23, 2021  
Ballston Spa, New York

  
Daniel Kuhles, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner  
Saratoga County Public Health Services

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

You have the right to request that the Public Health authority issuing this Order inform a reasonable number of persons of the conditions of the Order. You have the right to petition the Court for release from this quarantine order. You have the right to legal counsel. If you are unable to afford legal counsel, then counsel will be appointed for you at government expense.